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WEINER SHOULD DROP OUT, NYC LIKELY DEM VOTERS TELL QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL; QUINN LEADS, WITH DE BLASIO, THOMPSON TIED FOR SECOND

Congressman Anthony Weiner drops to fourth place among likely Democratic primary voters in the race for New York City mayor as these likely voters say 53 – 40 percent he should drop out, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

There is almost no gender gap, but a wide racial gap on this question: Women say 54 – 42 percent that Weiner should drop out, compared to men at 52 – 37 percent. But black voters say 53 – 42 percent that Weiner should stay in the race, while white voters say 64 – 25 percent he should get out.

Weiner gets 16 percent of likely Democratic primary voters today, compared to his first-place position with 26 percent in a July 24 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn leads the Democratic pack with 27 percent, with 21 percent for Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, 20 percent for former Comptroller William Thompson, 6 percent for Comptroller John Liu and 2 percent for former Council member Sal Albanese, the poll finds. Seven percent of likely Democratic primary voters remain undecided.

If Weiner drops out, Quinn gets 30 percent, with 25 percent each for Thompson and de Blasio and 9 percent for Liu.

“With six weeks to go, anything can happen, but it looks like former Congressman Anthony Weiner may have sexted himself right out of the race for New York City mayor,” said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“And with Wiener in free-fall, it begins to look like a three-way race again.”

A July 24 Quinnipiac University poll showed Quinn at 30 percent if Weiner drops out, with 26 percent for Thompson and 21 percent for de Blasio.

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In today's survey, Weiner gets 24 percent of black Democratic likely primary voters, down from 31 percent last week. Thompson gets 22 percent, with 21 percent for Quinn and 16 percent for de Blasio. Weiner's support among white voters drops from 23 percent last week to 7 percent today.

Having a "strong personal moral character" doesn't describe Weiner at all, 38 percent of New York City likely Democratic primary voters say, compared to 26 percent who said "not at all" last week. A total of 14 percent say having moral character characterizes Weiner a great deal or a good amount, compared to 17 percent last week.

Weiner's behavior is a legitimate issue in the mayoral campaign, voters say 65 – 34 percent.

This behavior disqualifies him from consideration as a candidate, 40 percent of voters say, compared to 23 percent last week. Another 40 percent say this behavior is a factor, but doesn't disqualify him and 20 percent say it is not a factor at all.

Thompson leads Quinn 50 – 40 percent in a Democratic primary runoff. He leads 53 – 41 percent among men, 49 – 40 percent among women, 49 – 40 percent among white voters and 58 – 33 percent among black voters.

Based on results of last week's poll, de Blasio was not included in a runoff question.

"Don't bet your paycheck. This is a really goofy election year," Carroll said.

"Lots of potential voters have been staying home in primaries and this poll evaluates those who are likely to turn up September 10. This is our second survey of these likely Democratic primary voters, a more nuanced look than earlier surveys of all registered voters."

From July 24 – 28, Quinnipiac University surveyed 446 likely Democratic primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.6 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Colorado, Iowa and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. If the Democratic primary for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were John Liu, Christine Quinn, Bill Thompson, Bill de Blasio, Anthony Weiner and Sal Albanese, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Liu, Quinn, Thompson, de Blasio, Weiner or Albanese? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Liu	6%	7%	6%	5%	7%
Quinn	27	22	30	27	21
Thompson	20	25	17	24	22
de Blasio	21	22	21	26	16
Weiner	16	13	18	7	24
Albanese	2	5	-	4	-
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	1	-	1	-
DK/NA	7	5	8	7	10

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	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS	
	Jul 29 2013	Jul 24 2013
Liu	6	7
Quinn	27	22
Thompson	20	20
de Blasio	21	15
Weiner	16	26
Albanese	2	1
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	-
DK/NA	7	8

2. If Anthony Weiner got out of the race, for whom would you vote; John Liu, Christine Quinn, Bill Thompson, Bill de Blasio or Sal Albanese? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Liu, Quinn, Thompson, de Blasio or Albanese? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Liu	9%	9%	9%	6%	9%
Quinn	30	23	35	28	30
Thompson	25	30	21	26	31
de Blasio	25	28	23	27	18
Albanese	2	4	1	3	-
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	1	-	1	-
DK/NA	8	5	10	8	13

3. (INTRO Q3-5: If none of the candidates in the Democratic primary for mayor gets 40% of the vote, there is a run-off election between the two candidates with the most votes.) If there is a run-off in the Democratic primary for mayor, and the candidates are Anthony Weiner and Christine Quinn, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If the runoff were today, would you lean more toward Weiner or Quinn? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Weiner	33%	38%	30%	24%	40%
Quinn	60	54	63	67	53
WOULDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	3	3	4	3
DK/NA	4	5	4	5	5

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	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS	
	Jul 29 2013	Jul 24 2013
Weiner	33	44
Quinn	60	46
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	4	6

4. If there is a run-off in the Democratic primary for mayor, and the candidates are Anthony Weiner and Bill Thompson, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If the runoff were today, would you lean more toward Weiner or Thompson? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Weiner	28%	27%	28%	16%	35%
Thompson	66	69	64	78	59
WOULDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	1	1	1	1
DK/NA	5	3	7	5	5

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	Jul 29 2013	Jul 24 2013
Weiner	28	41
Thompson	66	52
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	1
DK/NA	5	7

5. If there is a run-off in the Democratic primary for mayor, and the candidates are Christine Quinn and Bill Thompson, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If the runoff were today, would you lean more toward Quinn or Thompson? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Quinn	40%	41%	40%	40%	33%
Thompson	50	53	49	49	58
WOULDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	1	3	3	1
DK/NA	7	5	9	8	8

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	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS	
	Jul 29 2013	Jul 24 2013
Quinn	40	42
Thompson	50	51
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	2
DK/NA	7	5

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bloomberg is handling his job as Mayor?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	47%	47%	46%	53%	33%
Disapprove	45	44	46	40	57
DK/NA	8	9	8	7	10

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Disapprove	45	41
DK/NA	8	8

7. How much would you say the phrase "has a strong personal moral character" describes Anthony Weiner? Does it describe him a great deal, a good amount, somewhat, not so much or not at all?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
A great deal	6%	4%	6%	3%	10%
A good amount	8	9	8	5	9
Somewhat	21	29	16	13	22
Not so much	22	27	19	25	25
Not at all	38	28	45	49	30
DK/NA	5	3	5	4	4

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A great deal	6	7
A good amount	8	10
Somewhat	21	24
Not so much	22	29
Not at all	38	26
DK/NA	5	4

8. Do you think Anthony Weiner should remain in the race for Mayor or drop out of the race for Mayor?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Remain in race	40%	37%	42%	25%	53%
Drop out of race	53	52	54	64	42
DK/NA	7	10	4	11	5

9. As you may know, Anthony Weiner resigned from the U.S. Congress after conceding that he'd sent lewd photos of himself to women he'd met on the internet. It's now been reported that this behavior continued until as recently as last summer. Regardless of whether or not you support him, do you think this is or is not a legitimate issue in the mayoral election?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Legitimate issue	65%	72%	60%	77%	58%
Not legitimate issue	34	28	38	23	39
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	3

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	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS	
	Jul 29 2013*	Jul 24 2013
Legitimate issue	65	50
Not legitimate issue	34	49
DK/NA	2	2

10. Regardless of your vote preference, for you, would you say that Weiner's behavior disqualifies him from consideration as a candidate for mayor, it's a factor but not a disqualifying one, or it's not a factor in considering him as a candidate?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS				
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Disqualifies him	40%	40%	39%	50%	33%
Factor/Not disqualfy	40	38	41	38	41
Is not a factor	20	21	19	12	24
DK/NA	1	1	1	-	2

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